

Hog Hunting Seasons for WMAs and Heritage Preserves

Feral hog hunting on WMAs is permitted during any open season for game unless otherwise restricted (see specific WMAs). A hunting license and a WMA permit are required and hunters are required to wear a hat, coat or vest of solid international orange color while hunting. Hogs may not be transported alive. Hogs may not be hunted at night. On WMA lands, weapons used to hunt hogs are limited to the weapons that are allowed for the current open season on each WMA. On Special Hog Still Gun Hunts, weapons may include archery, crossbows, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, centerfire handguns and shotguns with slugs only except as specified for certain WMAs. For Special Hog Hunts with Dogs, no more than 4 bay or catch dogs per party, no still or stalk hunting and only handguns permitted except as specified for certain WMAs.

Swine brucellosis is caused by a bacteria and is primarily a reproductive tract disease in wild pigs that can be transmitted to humans. Infections are manifested by flu-like symptoms including fever, headaches, muscle and joint soreness and weakness. The fatality rate in humans is very low, but the disease often is prolonged and debilitating. Humans have contracted swine brucellosis from handling and dressing wild swine. This disease is present in many wild hog populations in SC. Persons dressing wild swine should take the following precautions: 1) use disposable rubber gloves and protective eyeglasses while dressing the carcass, 2) minimize handling of the reproductive tracts of both sexes, 3) dispose of waste parts by burying or burning, 4) clean up with hot water and soap after processing, and 5) cook meat thoroughly to 160 degrees F prior to eating.

Game Zn	Area	County	Still Hunting	Special Hunts with Dogs
1	WMAs ~ Greenville, Oconee, Pickens (portions of Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens North of Game Zone 2 line)		During open season for game (Game Zn 1 - Sept. 1 - Mar. 1)	Jan. 2-Mar.1
2	WMAs ~ Abbeville, Anderson, Chester, Cherokee, Edgefield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, York, (portions of Greenville., Oconee., and Pickens south of Game Zone 1 line)		During open season for game (Game Zn 2 - Sept. 1 - Mar. 1)	Feb. 1-Feb.15
3	Crackerneck	Aiken	During deer hunts	Jan. 6 - Feb. 24 (Fridays only)
4	Marsh	Marion	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28,(M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
4	Little Pee Dee River Comp.	Marion	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-20	Mar. 26-31
4	Woodbury	Marion	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28,(M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
4	Cartwheel Bay HP	Horry	During deer hunts (archery only)	
4	Waccamaw River	Horry	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 1-20	Mar. 21 and 24
4	Pee Dee Station	Florence	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17	
5	Manchester SF	Sumter	During deer hunts	
5	Samworth	Georgetown	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-3, 22-24 (elevated stands only) shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders	
5	Great Pee Dee	Darlington	During deer hunts and Feb. 6-25	
5	Santee Dam	Clarendon	Archery Sept. 1-Mar. 1, Muzzleloader Sept. 15-Mar. 1	
5	Santee-Delta	Georgetown	During deer hunts Mar. 21-23 (elevated stands only) shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders	Mar. 17 and 24
5	Wee Tee	Williamsburg, Georgetown	During deer hunts and Mar. 1-17 (M-Sat.), May 3-June 30, Aug. 9-25, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)	Jan. 2-28,(M-Sat.) July 5-28, 2012 (Thurs. - Sat.)
5	Hickory Top	Clarendon	During deer hunts	
6	Bear Island	Colleton	During any scheduled hunts.	Mar. 1-3
6	Bonneau Ferry	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Donnelley	Colleton	During any scheduled hunts	Mar. 3-5
6	Edisto River	Dorchester	During any scheduled hunts	
6	Francis Marion Nat. Forest			
	Hellhole	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
	Waterhorn	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	Feb. 4, 18, Mar. 10 (handguns, shotguns, buckshot only)
	Wambaw	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 3 (handguns, shotguns, buckshot only)
	Northampton	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
	Santee	Berkeley	During any scheduled hunts and Mar. 2-20	
6	Santee Coastal	Charleston, Georgetown	During any scheduled hunts	Feb. 9, 23, Mar. 16, 23
6	Webb	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Hamilton Ridge	Hampton	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Palachucola	Hampton, Jasper	During deer hunts and Sept. 1-3 Feb. 23-25, May 10-12	Sept. 8-10, Mar. 1-3, 8-10
6	Yawkey	Georgetown	Periodic announced hunts	
6	Dungannon	Charleston	During deer hunts (archery only)	